Lady Doctor in the Muvattupuzha Hospital.

21. ✻ MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the need for appointing a lady doctor in the Muvattupuzha Hospital was ever before submitted to them by the inhabitants of Muvattupuzha?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the action taken on the petitions for the need for a Lady Doctor in the Muvattupuzha Hospital?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: No definite action was taken.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Do not the Government think that conditions have now changed and the number of patients warrants the appointment of a lady doctor there?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS M. POONEN LUKOSE: We have statistics for 1111 and 1112. These do not show that conditions have changed.

Remission of land tax.

22. ✻ MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Koothattukulam pakuthy, Muvattupuzha taluk, this year 1113, praying for remission of land tax on the ground that their lands were adversely affected and crops failed on account of severe drought for long and untimely rains in 1113;

(*b*) the action, if any, taken on it; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that other pakuthies of Muvattupuzha taluk also were subject to similar failure of crops in 1113?

MR. K GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Petitions were received from the inhabitants of the pakuthies of Mulavoor, Ramangalam, Arakuzha and Thirumaradi for remission of tax due to loss of crops and for facilities for agriculture through the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Traffic Department.

23. ✻ MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala cum Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the strength of the Traffic Department; and

(*b*) whether they follow their normal duties after the indroduction of the State Transport from Nagercoil to Trivandrum?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) Inspectors—7
Head constables—28.
Constables—234.

(*b*) Yes; but their strength in the Nagercoil and Trivandrum Sub-Divisions has since been reduced and they now control the traffic on the feeder routes between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

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MR K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether, the introduction of the State Transport system has necessitated the reduction of the number of constables in the Traffic Department?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: There has been a reduction of only two constables from the Nagercoil sub-division, and I see they have been transferred to the Trivandrum town.

First Class powers to the Kottar Magistrate.

24. ❋ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state why the first class powers conferred upon the Kottar Magistrate are recently withdrawn?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Kottar Magistrate was invested with First Class Magisterial powers temporarily for one year from the 1st Medom 1112 with a view to give relief to the Division First Class Magistrate, Padmanabhapuram. The First Class Court at Kottar was abolished on the expiry of the period for which it was established as the pendency of cases in the Padmanabapuram court was brought down.

Building for the Chengannur District Dispensary.

25. ❋ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the lands necessary for the construction of a permanent Government building for housing the District Dispensary, Chengannur, have been acquired by them;

(*b*) whether the necessary estimate and plan for the construction of a permanent Government building for housing the said Dispensary have been prepared; and

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the negative, the reasons for the same?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Regarding (*a*), the Surgeon General's office is under correspondence with the Land Revenue Department about fixing the value of the land proposed. Regarding (*b*), a building of the type design accepted by the department will be put up by Government as soon as the land is acquired. The Executive Engineer has given a rough estimate for the building costing Rs. 10,000.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: When will the work of construction be started?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: That rests with the P. W. D.; it is not possible for me to say now when the work will be started.

Supply of drinking water for cattle brought to the Monday Market.

26. ❋ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any provision has been made for supplying drinking water to cattle brought to Monday Market?

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